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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

Table with 2 rows and 2 columns. Row 1: Date: March 21, 2012 7:07 AM, Author: NEVERS. Row 2: Dept./Agy.: Higher Education, Analyst: Charley Rome. Subject: Limits Hours to Earn a Baccalaureate Degrees to 120

POSTSECONDARY ED OR NO IMPACT GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Limits the number of hours required to earn a baccalaureate degree. (8/1/12)

Present law provides that a baccalaureate degree program shall not require more than the number of credits established by the Board of Regents for degree completion without approval from the board. Proposed law instead requires that a baccalaureate degree program shall not exceed 120 credit hours without approval from the Board of Regents. Effective August 1, 2012.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total. Similar structure for REVENUES.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. All higher education management boards have recently approved the maximum of 120 college credit hours for completion of bachelor degrees and reductions in degree program credit hour requirements will be implemented by Fall 2012. A small number of baccalaureate degree programs requiring more than 120 hours to complete due to accreditation and/or certification requirements have been approved, or will be approved by the Board of Regents and will not be affected by the bill.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.